





## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

The Associated Press recently relayed a story on the February, 1967 fire at Dale's Penthouse in Montgomery. Ironically we were in downtown Montgomery a couple of weeks ago and drove up Court Street just to see what changes had been made to that part of town in recent years. We looked at that building (the name has changed several times since 1967), thought of the fire and the fact we had been there personally on several occasions (before the deadly fire of course). Our last visit was as a birthday treat to a younger sister, probably in March of 1960, while we were both still single and living in the capital city. Their steaks were great, even if a bit expensive for a young working stiff still a bit wet behind the ears. We were also on speaking terms with a couple of the people who died in the disastrous '67 fire. All those thoughts rushed through our mind driving out Court Street that afternoon and looking up to the top of the building . . . we can't help but look to the top any time we drive out Court or any other nearby street. Vivid images of the great restaurant, the fire and the burned hulk that stared out over the Montgomery landscape for many months returned again when the recent headlines marked the event through the eyes of a survivor. He lived by perching for hours 100 feet high on a narrow ledge in the night air that turned from scorching hot to winter cold . . . hand-in-hand with his equally scarred wife.

The number of politicians and those who give advice to politicians we talked with and/or listened to this past weekend - well it was a bunch. The mix included Governor Riley, state senators, representatives, and a bunch of aides and official advisors. Does this mean we know what will happen in Montgomery during the coming months? Nope it doesn't. In fact we came away with all kinds of opinions bouncing around in the old noggin . . . opinions from A to Z. Anything from "ain't nothing gonna get done this year" to "we are gonna drive all Alabama's problems once and for all". Probably the truth is somewhere in between. Then Monday morning the e-mails started from other newspaper folks attending the same meetings. Usually the first question was, "Did such and such politician really say what I understood him or her to say?" It is going to be another interesting year in Alabama . . . even without the threat of war in the Middle East.

If you are confused or uncertain about what is going to happen at the state capital during the next few months, join the crowd. An example is comments made by the governor Saturday, in our presence. He noted that one suggestion for raising additional money would be changing the way income tax is treated on the returns. It would mean that instead of deducting federal tax from the state return, we would deduct state tax from the federal return. This would raise an estimated \$500 million a year for Alabama, but would cost taxpayers far less. The issue would have to pass both the legislature and a vote of the people. He commented - we heard it with our own ears - that such action would need the support of Paul Hubbard to use some of this additional money in "other than education" (income tax is earmarked for education). This week there are some news reports that Riley will not be seeking any "unearmarking" this year. It all adds to our confusion and only history will record what actually happened in 2003.

Our thoughts - maybe it is hopes - on the potential for war are changing a bit. The action by the Iraq government to openly destroy at least some of their banned missiles will make it harder for anyone to convince Douthett Thomases to join in the battle. It will also give President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair a face saving way to back off from actually launching an all out bloody war. While we personally feel something needs to be done over there, it is hard to commit our young men and women to possible death in that far off land with a culture a thousand years old and very different from ours. Especially when many of those who most likely will be the first to feel the wrath of a do-nothing position will not cooperate with the U.S. on the issue.

Then there is the other side of the coin - the brave, big talking French - who are not speaking German as their first language today because of real blood shed by so many American soldiers in WWI and again in WWII. They are reportedly busy making scads of money off somewhat shady trading with Iraq.

There is a rather lengthy letter on page 3 from former Governor Don Siegelman. We agree with the former governor that the spouses of politicians should be off limits - they didn't choose to be in the public spotlight, only to marry someone who chose that life. If we are going to write about them and their involvement with spending tax dollars as "investigative reporters" then we should do a complete job of investigating and "tell it all, brother, tell it all". Actually that should be the policy when reporting on any person or subject. It is always dangerous to take information supplied by political opponents and use it without doing a complete and in-depth investigation of the whole issue.

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## BILLS - DRUGS

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receive Social Security as their only source of income are exempt from the solid waste collection fee, and McLWain said his office is bound by law with this. He added that in some cases, individuals receiving veterans benefits might possibly be exempt but not necessarily.

Anyone needing to contact the Coffee County Solid Waste Department can call 804-6600 or stop by the office located at the county complex in New Brockton.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, investigated the following incidents: ten for possession of marijuana, one private property accident, eight for possession of a controlled substance, five for the manufacture of methamphetamine, seven for possession of drug paraphernalia, one domestic violence, one domestic dispute, one loud music complaint, one giving false information, one reckless endangerment and one harassment.

The following arrests were made: ten for possession of a controlled substance, nine for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for rape, ten for possession of marijuana, six for the manufacture of methamphetamine, one for resisting arrest and one for giving false information.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with a suspended driver's license, two for violation of the seat belt law and one for driving with a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - River stage - 9.91 feet (6:58 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25** - Minor wreck reported in the Big/Little East parking lot (6:17 a.m.); River stage - 9.26 feet (6:52 a.m.); Wreck reported at Hardee's (4:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at Hardee's (9:04 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26** - River stage - 9.74 feet (6:08 a.m.); Wreck reported on County Rd. 404 (8:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 989 County Rd. 400 (7:43 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1282 Ann St. (8:50 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 560 King Circle (9:01 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27** - River stage - 11.20 feet (6:06 a.m.); Loud and excessive music reported in the area of Elba, Villa (8:40 p.m.); Possible burglary reported at 1532 Powell Circle.

## BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• **ROTA CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **COMMUNITY ROOM** in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tues. of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MAGNIFIC LOGGE** 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba High School

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 2-5 p.m. - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 1 p.m. - Club House

• **COFFEE WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. - Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room

• **NEW 2003 LAKERS STUDY CLUB** - Every 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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na, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also charged with resisting arrest and is currently out of jail on a \$92,000 bond.

Sean Smart, age 19, was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently out of jail on a \$92,000 bond.

Casey Westmoreland, age 22, was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance.

Elba Police officers received a call to a domestic disturbance across the street from the Veit home. Upon entering this residence, officers could smell the distinct odor of marijuana.

After consent was given to search the residence, officers found marijuana along with scales, scissors and packaging bags. Smoking devices and a container of methamphetamine were also discovered.

While officers were conducting this search, another person pulled into the yard, and he also gave consent for a search of his vehicle. This search revealed additional marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The search of the residence resulted in the arrest of Skylar

Boiswell, age 22, and Frances English, age 19. Both were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. They are currently out of jail on bond.

James Smalley, age 20, was arrested outside the residence and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently out of jail on a \$9,000 bond.

Elba Police Chief Ronnie Whitworth and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates ask anyone with information on a suspected methamphetamine lab to please call their local law enforcement agencies.

On March 8th 2003, The reigning Little Miss Zion Chapel, Aspin Maulden, will give up her title to another lucky little girl. She would like to thank everyone who loved and supported her throughout the year. God Bless.

Most gratefully, I am Ben Moates

Sheriff Ben Moates

Editor's Note: The following letter was written by former governor Don Siegelman to Howard Bronson, publisher of the Mobile Register. Siegelman asked that the contents of the letter be shared with the readers of The Elba Clipper.

Mr. Howard Bronson, Publisher, President and Chief Executive Officer

Mobile Register

Post Office Box 2488

Mobile, Alabama 36652

Dear Mr. Bronson:

This past Sunday, the Mobile Register attacked the integrity and fine character of my wife, Lori. Your newspaper's conduct demonstrates a gross insensitivity to a wonderful and dedicated former First Lady, who has spent a good deal of her own time working to help Alabama children and families. Three days later, your editorial called for an explanation. Here's the rest of the story.

Your reporter knew or should have known that most of what he wrote was far from the truth. Current governor's office employees, who also served in my administration, know very well that Lori personally paid for personal items and that all of Lori's travel was for a public purpose, namely, the advancement of arts education for Alabama school children.

Questions from your reporter to an appropriate state employee either did provide those facts, which your reporter chose to ignore, or would have provided those facts if the questions had been asked. Your reporter has shown a continuous reckless disregard for the truth.

Let me come to the defense of my wife in this way: I ran for governor, Lori did not. If you plan to keep kicking someone around, kick me. In both the Sunday story and in your editorial, your newspaper said that the public purpose of Lori's travel was unclear.

You questioned the public purpose of Lori's travel to New Orleans, Louisiana. Lori traveled to New Orleans for a public purpose - to gain ideas on how to involve local communities in arts education in Alabama schools. In the fall of 2001, Lori attended the International

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Network of Performing and Visual Arts Schools conference in New Orleans. Network was created in the early 1980s to pool resources toward the growth of arts education throughout the world. In fact, its first president in 1983 was James Nelson of the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. Network has achieved the stature of an international leader in arts education. Its membership represents more than 300 schools of the arts in countries around the world. Lori was invited by Mitzi Yates, Network's president at the time, to attend as Alabama's First Lady, but she was also particularly well-qualified to attend for other reasons, including her service as a board member of Booker T. Washington Magnet High School's Friends of Academic and Arts Magnet Education (FAME) program. Lori is also a past president of the FAME board. The conference provided Lori with ideas and contacts which helped her promote arts education in Alabama through activities like the First Lady's Children's Art Festival, a unique, interactive festival designed to demonstrate the profound impact the arts can have on the way teachers teach and the way students learn. In fact, because of Lori's reputation as an advocate for arts education, Network held its 'Connections 2001' conference in Montgomery, Alabama. More than 800 people attended the international education conference, which not only had a huge economic impact on Alabama, but also showcased Alabama's good work in arts education to national and international arts education teachers. You questioned the public purpose of Lori's travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. At the invitation of Network's president, Catherine Thompson, Lori traveled to Niagara-on-the-Lake where she attended the fall 2002 Network conference for a public purpose "to learn about and bring home to Alabama new ideas about arts education. The annual meeting was designed to foster communication between state leaders and educators on the topic of arts education and, more specifically, on how to implement arts education curricula through the establishment of partnerships. At the Niagara conference, Lori, as Alabama's First Lady, was an official part of the program, making two presentations about Alabama's First Lady's Children's Art Festival as a way to expose children to arts education and how children can "get smart with art."

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS



**THE SAINT BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** will present the George Washington Carver High School Concert Choir of Montgomery, Ala. in concert. The program will be presented on March 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary. The Carver High School Concert Choir is the recipient of many honors and awards. Recently at the National Peanut Festival church competition in Dothan, the choir earned superior ratings and won Best of Festival. Presently, the choir is preparing for its annual spring concert tour. This year the choir will tour the eastern coast with performances primarily in New York.

For the past thirteen years, Henry Howard Terry has conducted the Carver High School Concert Choir. Henry Terry is a native of Elba and a 1982 graduate of Elba High School. Terry holds degrees from Alabama State University and Auburn University at Montgomery. The public has a cordial invitation to attend this open door program. For additional information, contact the church office at 347-7743.

**Bridal Registry**  
Amanda Morgan & John Robertson  
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Hope Tillery & Bo Boyd  
Wedding 6/7/03  
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## Gospel Singing to be held at Mt. Pisgah Church of God

The Cains of DeFuniak Springs, Fla. and the Good News Quartet of Opp, Ala. will be in concert at Mt. Pisgah Church of God on Saturday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. The church is located on county road 70 East of Andalusia, Ala. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Last Supper

**BBQ Benefit to be held for Clarence Marrow**  
A BBQ Benefit will be held Saturday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Kinship High School Lunchroom. 1st come 1st serve.

All proceeds will go to a cancer patient Clarence Marrow, brother of Marty James.

## Community Revival planned at Zion Chapel Baptist Church March 9-14

A Community Revival will be held March 9-14, 2003 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Evening worship on Sunday will be at 6:00, Monday through Friday at 7:00.



The Reverend Paul Phillips, Pastor of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva, will be the keynote speaker for the church anniversary services to be held at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Enterprise on Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Rufus Lloyd and members invite the public to share in these services. For more information, please contact Pastor Lloyd at 774-2699 or Loretta Fleming at 347-3385.

## ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOK LIST

**LARGE PRINT FICTION**  
Anderson, Susan - Shadow Dance  
Cameron, Stella - Cold Day in July  
Edwards, Cassie - Savage Love  
Evans, Richard Paul - The Last Promise  
Gentry, Georgina - To Taste a Savage  
Glass, Julia - Three Junes  
Harris, Charlene - The Last Scene Alive  
Lamett, Anne - Blue Shoes  
Macomber, Debbie - Between Friends  
Michaels, Fern - Kentucky Heat  
Michaels, Fern - Kentucky Rich  
Michaels, Fern - Kentucky Sunrise  
O'Connell, Carol - Crime School  
Roberts, Nora - Face the Fire

**ADULT FICTION**  
Barr, Nevada - Flashback  
Beaton, M.C. - Death of a Village  
Braun, Lillian Jackson - The Cat That Brought Down the House  
Coonts, Stephen - Liberty: A Jake Grafton Novel  
Crais, Robert - The Last Detective  
Forster, Gwynne - Blues From Down Deep  
Frey, Stephen - Silent Partner  
Grisham, John - King of Torts  
Perry, Anne - Seven Dials  
Rice, Luanne - The Secret Hour  
Smith, Deborah - Sweet Rush  
White, Steven - The Best Revenge

**LARGE PRINT NONFICTION**  
Longman, Jere - Among the Heros, United Flight 93 And the Passengers and Crew Who Fought Back

**ADULT NONFICTION**  
Robertson, Pat - Bring It On: Tough Questions, Candid Answers Best of Taste of Home: The First 100 Years

**ABRIDGED AUDIO TAPES**  
Cris, Robert - Hostage  
Lowell, Elizabeth - Outlaw

**UNABRIDGED AUDIO TAPES**  
By Anne George

**MURDER GETS A LIFE**  
Murder Makes Waves  
Murder on a Girls Night Out  
Murder Runs in the Family



**MARION B. BRUNSON OF ELBA** was recognized during a recent meeting of the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, for receiving approval of another ancestor who served the American colonies during the Revolutionary War. Bruce Taylor, left, chapter president, presented a certificate. Brunson's newest recognized patriot ancestor was Philip Matthews.

## Church Directory

<b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:15 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.	<b>MILBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Rev. Stan Starn, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.
<b>BETHLEHEM AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.
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<b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEWBURY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
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# LIFESTYLES

## Coffee County Retired Teachers & Support Personnel to meet



Rachel Elizabeth Nakamura is visiting grandparents in Elba

Rachel Elizabeth Nakamura, daughter of Misty and Michael Nakamura, is currently in Elba visiting her grandparents. Rachel was born Sept. 17, 2002 at Knox Private Hospital in Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia and weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz.



Kaitlyn Parrish celebrates first birthday

Kaitlyn Parrish turned one year old on January 26th. She celebrated with family and friends on February 2nd. The theme for the party was butterflies and flowers.

The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise, Ala. at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Linda Paul who will be present. A Potpourri of Financial Securities for You and Your Family. Reservations are required. If not called by the telephone committee call Joan Lewis at 347-4612 to make a reservation.



Miss Ward &amp; Mr. Barnett to be united in marriage on April 26

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Ward of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shea Amanda, to Dr. Brian Theodore Barnett of High Point, N.C. Brian is the son of Sergeant Major [USAR] and Mrs. Daniel J. Barnett of Shippensburg, Penn.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late John R. and Louise Jackson Ward of Elba, Ala., and the late Jefferson Vaughn Hamm. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School and a 2000 magna cum laude graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The future groom is the grandson of the late James and Tella Barnett of Tazewell County, Va., and the late Theodore and Johanna Fuehrbeck of Nuremberg, Germany. He is a 1994 cum laude graduate of Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine where he was a member of Alpha Psi Fraternity. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Wake Forest University in 2000. He owns his own veterinary business in Ashboro, N.C.

The wedding will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 26, 2003, at J H Adams Inn in High Point, N.C.

**Opp Saddle Club to hold Queens Pageant**  
The Opp Saddle Club will hold its 2nd Annual Opp Saddle Club Queens Pageant March 21 and 22. The interviews for the pageant will be held on Friday, March 21 at the Opp Chamber of Commerce Building. The Horsemanship will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the Opp Arena. Everyone is invited to come out on Saturday to watch the Horsemanship part of the pageant. The concession stand will be open.

Age division will include Junior Miss Opp Saddle Club (13-17), Opp Saddle Club Princess (8-12), Opp Saddle Club Little Princess (0-7), Opp Saddle Club Little Princess (0-7 Lead line). Pageant age will be based upon the age of the contestant prior to September 1, 2003.

Contestants in the Miss Opp Saddle Club and Junior Miss Opp Saddle Club division will be judged during individual two-minute speeches. Contestants in all five divisions will be judged during individual interviews. Proper attire should consist of western jeans, boots, hat and shirt (no chaps). The same western outfit will be worn during the entire pageant including interviews, horsemanship and on Saturday, March 29 for the announcement of the winners. Each contestant must provide their own horse for the competition. Contestants will be judged on appearance, personality and horsemanship. The horse will not be judged, only the way each contestant handles her horse. A pageant practice will be held at the Opp Arena on Sunday, March 9.

The winners of each division will be announced on Saturday, March 29 at the Opp Saddle Club first show of 2003.

Anyone wishing to participate in the pageant may contact Heather Kellew at 493-2588 or Tammy Buckelew at 493-6889. Deadline for entry will be March 9.



Miss Crayton &amp; Mr. Peterson to wed Saturday, March 15th

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crayton, Sr. of Andalusia, Ala. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, DeWanna TreAnne Crayton, to D'Undray Tyone Peterson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Willie Peterson of Elba.

He is a 2001 graduate of the University of West Alabama where he received a degree in Psychology. He is currently employed as an Academic Advisor for Student Support Services.

The wedding is scheduled for 3 p.m. on March 15, 2003 at Cornerstone Full Gospel Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa.

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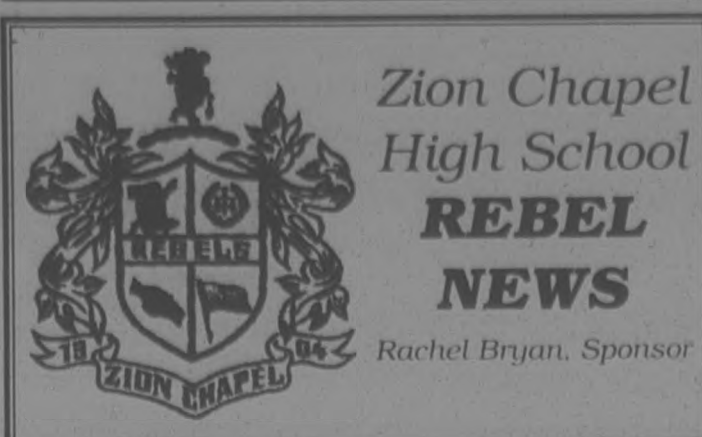
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# SCHOOL NEWS



## Zion Chapel students compete in annual math tournament at LBW

On February 7, Zion Chapel participated in the 34th Annual Math Tournament, sponsored by LBW Community College, the Andalusia Rotary Club, and the Andalusia Kiwanis Club. Ashley Wambles, Tracy Banks, Nicky Paz, and Jonah Edmondson, along with sponsor Lori McCrory, arrived at 1:20 p.m. at the LBW Community College at 8:30 for registration and the General Assembly.

The students were then assigned to rooms where they would take a written examination.

After this students were allowed to relax. Pool, Ping Pong, TV, and food were offered to the participants.

At 10:45 the Ciphering round began. Each school could

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## Zion Chapel develops best BattleBot for exhibition

Josh Richards, Andy Kelley, and Jarred Flowers, members of Zion Chapel's FFA, had the best BattleBot at the BattleBots IQ Exhibition Match held on the MacArthur Campus of the LBW Community College recently.

The team, which is led by Agriscience Instructor John McCrory, named their entry RebelBot I.

BattleBots IQ is a competitive physics curriculum developed by the creators of BattleBots, the popular television show seen on the Comedy Central channel.

This curriculum aligns with the goals of the Tech Prep program, to introduce high school students to hands-on, technically-based curriculum. Because of this fact, the Tech Prep program of the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College awarded \$10,000 in federal funds to two area high schools to support the purchase of curriculum materials, electronics, and robotics kits, robotics material, and travel funds to compete in the national BattleBots IQ competition.

Zion Chapel was one of the two high schools in the South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium that volunteered to participate in this program. The schools agreed to implement the BattleBots IQ curriculum, build a robot, and compete in the national competition.



Those pictured with the BattleBot include (from left): Andy Kelley, Josh Richards, Mr. John McCrory, and Jarred Flowers.

## FBLA students win medals

Thirty-three of Zion Chapel's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) brought home medals from the Alabama South Region Conference held on the last Saturday in February. They competed in a variety of competitions based on classes from the Alabama Career/Technical Business curriculum. The competition was for both Middle Level and Senior Level chapters.

Stacy Williams and Jennifer Taylor won a gold medal for their PowerPoint presentation on the activities of the Middle Level Chapter. Hayes Vaughan, Jenna Mobley, Frances North, and Samantha Brown won a silver medal for their Officer Installation Ceremony. Zion Chapel Middle Level Chapter was awarded a plaque for being the largest Middle Level Chapter in District IV.

In the Senior Level Competitions, six finalists were named for each competition. These six finalists will compete at the Alabama State Conference, which will be held on April 2-3, 2003, in Birmingham. The finalists included Roy King, Accounting II; Brian Beasley, Accounting II; Jason Danley, Business Law; Amanda Perry, Business Communications; Jonah Edmondson, Computer Concepts; Samantha McWaters, Economics; Perry Cauthen, Lee Boutwell, and Sam Wambles, Entrepreneurship; Brandon Arnold, Future Business Leader; Ken Flowers, FBI A principles and Procedures; Rosanna Johnson, Introduction to Business; Shaun Ellis, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Tracy Banks and Nicky Paz, Desktop Publishing; Ashley Wambles, Job Interview; Clay Lewis, Networking Concepts; Kristen McClelland, Jeremy Sanders, Michael Sneed, Melanie Perry, Meta Gatlin, and Lashonda Cole, Parliamentary Procedure.



Those pictured include: Brandon Arnold, Sam Wambles, Samantha McWaters, Jonah Edmondson, Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, Jason Danley, Perry Cauthen and Lee Boutwell.



Those pictured include: Brittany Thompson, Brian Beasley, Lara Lea Beasley, Ken Flowers, Rosanna Johnson, Shaun Ellis, Clay Lewis and Roy King.



Mrs. Rebecca Hardiman, SAFE School coordinator, is pictured with Mr. Russ Young, Kinston Chief of Police, and Mrs. Rachel Bryan who teaches social studies on Thursday nights.

three class of English on Thursday night. Social studies held with just one class on Tuesday night.

This year there is just one class per night but on some nights more than one teacher is called in because of other activities that are provided. For example, the computer lab has Pace software, which is a teaching/remediation program. Many students who need remediation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam come into the Center for that remediation.

Classes begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Coffee County Deputy Donnie Farris is the Director of Security for the program. He and officers from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the police

departments in Elba and Kinston provide security. These officers are employed by the program and work during their off-duty nights.

Mrs. Tami Crosby teaches science at the SAFE Center.



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## ZC participated in job shadowing

Zion Chapel, in cooperation with the South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium, participated in the 2003 Groundhog Day Job Shadow Day career project. The purpose of the project is to help students understand today's job market and the opportunities available to them in the workplace.

At Zion Chapel the project is conducted with eighth grade students to satisfy a part of the career preparedness competencies included in the Career/Technical Curriculum Core class. All eighth graders take this class.

Each student went to work with a parent, guardian, or other adult who agreed to the responsibility of supervising a student for a day. The students were to remain on the job site during the course of the day to observe the work required. When the students returned to school the day after this job shadowing experience they had to prepare a project to be presented to their classmates. At Zion Chapel the students were required to prepare a multimedia presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. They were learning to use this computer application as part of their course work.

The first part of the presentation had to identify the person who was shadowed and give a detailed description of the job. It had to include the benefits provided to the workers with the company.

The second part of the presentation had to describe a typical day for the worker including the hours worked and the duties involved. The job responsibilities, the co-workers, the supervisors, and the equipment used had to be included.

The third part of the presentation had to describe the training, education, and skills that are needed for the particular job observed. Technology used and beneficial high school courses were included in this part.

The fourth part was to be about the student's personal opinion of the job and whether or not this was the type of job that the student was interested in pursuing. Personal career goal and plans for reaching them were also included.

Mrs. Cara Knighten, guidance counselor, worked with the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College who is the fiscal agent for the Tech Prep Consortium.

Those pictured include: Kristen McClelland, Meta Gatlin, Melanie Perry, Michael Sneed, Jeremy Sanders and Lashonda Cole.

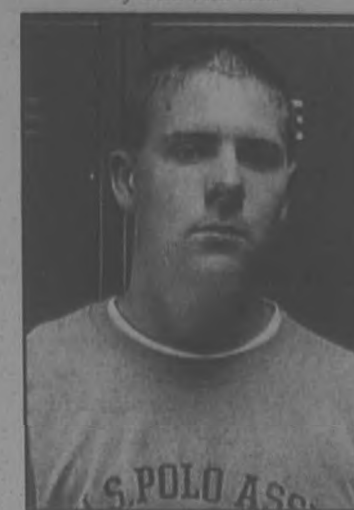


Those pictured include: Samantha Brown, Frances North, Jenna Mobley, Stacy Williams, Jennifer Taylor and Hayes Vaughan.

# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



Mark Brunson is a 17-year-old junior and attends EHS where he is involved in FFA. He is the son of Cindy Brunson and is employed by the Elba Recreation Dept.

Like every teenage guy, mark enjoys hunting, fishing and football. His favorite movie, song and TV show of all time include *2 Seconds*, *Dinosaur*, and *King of the Hill*.

Congratulations to Mark Brunson for being selected as the star of the spotlight!



## Tiger Tales

Editor: Sheena Flowers

## Views on war with Iraq

Editorial by Jessica L. Hathcock

To most students a war seems like a story that is told to scare children or a game that is played, but now our once make-believe games are coming to life.

I'm sure the students of today never thought they would live to see something of this magnitude come to life before their very eyes. There is a mutual feeling that "this shouldn't or couldn't be happening" between the students at Elba High. Many of the people I know and love are terrified of being drafted into a war they do not want to fight.

Many students feel the reason President Bush is doing this is because of the trouble Saddam Hussein caused for his father, although, I know, there are many excellent reasons, especially in light of certain new developments, for our current "situation" with Iraq.

## LBW Ensemble performs for EHS students

by Katie Driggers

On Friday, Feb. 21, Elba High School got a special treat. The LBW Ensemble entertained us with a fabulous performance. The group consists of 23 singers and musicians. They have been traveling around to area schools performing everything from oldies and pop to country.

The Ensemble has been going on at LBW for a while now and are continuing to put on a spectacular show. The students and teachers at EHS enjoyed the



LBW Ensemble members entertain EHS students and faculty show and are looking forward to seeing them again next year.



Elba Elementary School's 2003 D.A.R.E. Graduating Class

## Elba Elementary holds graduation for D.A.R.E. class

Elba Elementary School hosted a very special program Friday morning, Feb. 28, as the 2003 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony was held honoring the sixth grade students.

Each year, these students participate in the D.A.R.E. program to help develop awareness of drug abuse and resistance before entering their high school years of education.

Alabama State Trooper Johnny Senn was the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony, and he encouraged the students to set their goals and work to achieve them.



ESSAY WINNERS...Several students were honored for essay writing, and each read his/her essay during the graduation ceremony. The 2003 essay winners were: Shelby Brunson, Michael Jackson, Jordan McBride, Kiera Robertson and Chessi Cross. These students are pictured with D.A.R.E. officer and instructor Dean Blair.

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## Elba High School welcomes new student

Elba High School extends a warm welcome to our new foreign exchange student, 15-year-old Juneho Choi. Juneho is staying with the Gideon family, which sponsors many foreign exchange students.

Juneho is from Daejeon, South Korea. We had the opportunity to sit down with him and discuss differences between South Korea and America, and what he likes and dislikes here.

In South Korea, Juneho went to school six days a week, from seven o'clock in the morning to four o'clock that afternoon. After school, he would go to 'study hall' until 11 p.m. and

then to another university until two in the morning. When asked if he was kidding, he said no.

Juneho likes Elba High because he says it is less stressful than his school in Korea, but it is too hard to understand the subjects. (The English language is more difficult to learn when you don't speak it from birth.) He likes Elba because it is peaceful and quiet, but one dislike is that Elba does not have a soccer team.

We would like to thank Juneho for talking with us and sharing his views. We hope that he will be very happy for the duration of his stay.



Juneho Choi Juneho

## Character Trait

by Meredith English

Every week EHS has a word or character trait it should express for that week. Well, since all the character traits for the year are now, shall I say, overlapping, I am going to choose a word of my own and go into detail about that word.

The word I am going to chose is morale. Often I here this word and I always associate it with the military. That's because the military does have to have morale to be able to believe this country is worth fighting for, and it is. Morale means to have a strong sense of enthusiasm and dedication to a commonly shared goal that unifies a group.

This is extremely relevant to us, as a country, today. With our nation coming to grips on maybe going to war, we need morale...our military and us.

## Positive Attitudes

by Blake Brunson

Author Harold S. Gencen said "Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions."

People have always had a problem with talking and not proving, but lately I have begun to realize that one's attitude plays as much of a role in leadership as actions. Although we generally classify things like drugs, alcohol, and sex as bad leadership qualities, sometimes we fail to recognize that gossiping, having a bad attitude, or constantly finding faults in others are bad as well.

So maybe when we thought we were setting a good example by not having that drink with dinner, we destroyed our example when we criticized those who did.

Before Ms. Elliot spoke to the students of Elba High, the Chorus and the FFA Quartet surrounded the student body with their excellent performances.

## Elba hosts Technology in Motion classes

by Kaci Grantham

Troy State University is currently sponsoring Technology in Motion Classes held here at Elba High School. 20 people are taking this class. The class consists of principals, teachers and central office staff members.

The class is taught two hours a night, two nights a week, and

it lasts for three weeks. Those taking this class are learning more effective ways to use Word Processing software, Power Point, Excel and the Internet.

Technology in Motion Classes are offered to help principals, teachers and central office staff members better teach students and prepare them for technological society.

## EHS holds Black History assembly

by Kimberly Farris

On Thursday, Feb. 20, EHS held an assembly in observance of Black History Month. Ms.



Jimmie Elliot

## Elba Elementary School Menu March 10 - 14, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday:</b> Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday:</b> Chicken Wiggle, Corn, Butterbeans, Yam, Peas, Roll, Milk
<b>Tuesday:</b> Breakfast on a Stick, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday:</b> Fishburger, Baked Beans, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Milk
<b>Wednesday:</b> Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday:</b> Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Thursday:</b> Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday:</b> Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Mixed Vegetables, Cookies, Milk
<b>Friday:</b> Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday:</b> Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

## ESJC News

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants held Feb. 15 in Elba



**BABY MISS** (from left)...Hannah Arnold, first runner up; Baylie Smith, 2003 Baby Tri-County Sweetheart; and Madison Harrison, second runner up.



**TINY MISS** (from left)...Milleniet Manning, second runner up; Natalie Green, first runner up; Emmy Reid, 2003 Tiny Tri-County Sweetheart; and Brayton Martin, first runner up.



**TOT MISS** (from left)...Haley Cook, first runner up; Brianna Moore, 2003 Tot Tri-County Sweetheart; and Alex Dawson, second runner up.



**LITTLE MISS** (from left)...Caitlin Cooper, first runner up; Brooke Weeks, 2003 Little Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Brinley Williams, second runner up.

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### ZCES announces second grading period honor roll

**First Grade:** Jennie Allen, Kahla Allen, Tyler Beckworth, Darren Blocker, Megan Brumbaugh, Kelsea Fillingim, Hillary Goodson, Virginia Green, Kailly Jernigan, Candace Kelley, Alex Ketcham, Dakota Leverett, Brooke Manning, Aaron McCollough, Heidi McLeod, Melissa Money, Caitlyn Napper, Whitney Rugg, Sheldyn Sanders, Dalton Sikes and Hunter Snow.

**Second Grade:** Heather Brunson, Gage Cowart, Blake Lewis, Dylan Mobley, Allyson Senn, Heather Whitworth and Stephanie Williams.

**Third Grade:** Lawson Amlong, Josh Baldwin, P.J. Benton, Ashleigh DeSandro, Nicole Faulk, Huey Green, Samantha Girouard, Charis Little, Kirsten Liptrot, Courtney Napper, Cherylene Nelson, Nikki Nelson, Parks Sanders, Noah Sanders, Markel Senn, Dakota Shackelford, Caleb Walden and Zack Ward.

**Fourth Grade:** Erin Dismukes, Kayla Hurd and Vanessa Nelson.

**Fifth Grade:** Tanner Grant, Nicole Holloway and Josh Richards.

**A-B**  
**First Grade:** Travis Black, Jeremy Boutwell, Michael DeSandro, Katlyn Downing, Richard Faulkner, Clint Flowers, Terry Flowers, Blake Fuller, Cody Gibson, Brittany Hill, Thomas Hobbs, Kateria Jinnight, Veronica Kidd, Brooke Ledford, Damon Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Emily Pouncey, Terra Sheets, Shelby Sorrells, Jessie Tolbert and Cory Wise.

**Second Grade:** Brittany Acreman, Alex Anderson, Brandon Cardwell, Shelby Cochran, Mickey Cox, Fischer Crowell, Leah Donaldson, Hannah Goodson, Bradley Jannan, Ethan Lott, Tonya Owens, Sierra Parker, Myah Peterson, Timothy Reeves, Kennedy Sanders, Gavin Shackelford, Nigel Shaw, Matthew Winters and Shelby Vinson.

**Third Grade:** Mercedes Bell, Ryan Berry, Kyle Boswell, Brian Cobb, Megan Cox, Ashton Dean, Stephanie Deneus, Sanson Dismukes, Paul Gibson, Julia Harrell, Vladik Khousainov, Zach Leverett, Rebecca Martin, Shelby McCollough, Amy McWaters, Kyle Messina, Gin Miley, Cassandra Nelson, Sage Peterson, Amber Powell, Ryan Roberts, Kelsey Sanders and Morgan Senn.

**Fourth Grade:** Brandon Barnhill, Will Bedsole, Kelli Bahrens, Shelby Boswell, Hillarie Davis, Hayden Ellis, Paige Gibson, Kenny Hussey, Faith Ketchum, Brandon Liptrot, Shelby Maxie, Amelia Petty, Kayla Pope, Shalandra Rudolph and Derrick Sanders.

**Fifth Grade:** Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Aaron Grant, Tara Howe, Logan Leverett, Beth Long, Landan Peters, Dillon Roberts, Cynthia Spears, Garrett Stinson and Lance Walden.

**B**  
Sarah Allen, Jessie Brunson, Matthew Buchanan, Bo Collins, Michelle Downing, Aspen Grimes, Kayla Hall, Jordan Jones, Camden Kelley, Slade Nalley, Tyler Sawyer and Alex Spear.



**MINI MISS** (from left)...Cortlin Lee, first runner up; Taylor Parks, 2003 Mini Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Kristina Dorsey, second runner up.



**JUNIOR MISS** (from left)...Monica Wilford, first runner up; Kayleigh Watson, 2003 Junior Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Summer Parker, second runner up.



**MISS TRI-COUNTY** (from left)...Pamela Wilson, first runner up; Hannah Stewart, 2003 Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Shane Hudson, second runner up.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



"Hugo and Evelyn Smith having their taxes prepared by Tax Aide Volunteer Jim Gilmer."

## AARP Tax Aide Volunteers help seniors

AARP Tax Aide Volunteers, Jim and Nell Gilmer, are at the AARP Tax Aide Site at the Elba Senior Center during tax season assisting seniors with tax preparation.

This is a free service sponsored by AARP Foundation and the IRS, who also provide computers and professional tax software for the Tax Aide Program. Volunteers are trained and must pass an IRS exam every year.

Although most seniors don't have W-2's for earned income, they have a variety of pension plans, IRAs, bank interest, and annuities.

Tax Aide Volunteers not only must be knowledgeable about tax laws and tax software, but must also possess the ability to

provide special tax-related counseling for seniors.

The Gilmers encourage people who receive tax refunds to have their refunds sent directly to their bank accounts. Not only is this safer than having checks delivered to their homes, but refunds come back much faster.

While special attention is given to helping seniors with their tax returns, the Tax Aide program also assists low- and middle-income taxpayers as time permits.

The AARP Tax Aide office is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. during the tax filing season. Call ahead of time to make an appointment - 897-3019.

Sign Language Classes available at Alabama Institute in Dothan

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind has scheduled American Sign Language Classes for each Tuesday, March 11 - April 29. Time for classes is 6 - 8 p.m. at Dothan Regional Center, 111 Medical Drive, Dothan. Last day for registration is March 7. For more information call 677-6270.

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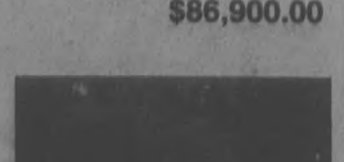
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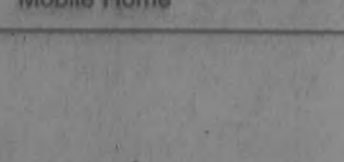
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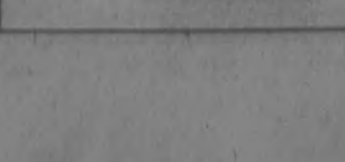


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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Levi Strauss did every parent in the world a huge favor many years ago when he invented blue jeans. At the Mularz house it makes no difference if it is sunny or raining, or if the temperature is hot or cold, the girls are going to find a pair of clean jeans and head out to school. I will admit their blouses get a bit expensive at times, and they have a few pairs of jeans that made the checkbook take a deep breath. However, at least the jeans are durable, easy to wash and match just about anything. Believe me, there are very few fashion statements made by the girls at our house.

## SWINGS AND MISSES...

\*\*\* The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sent four All-Star teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District Basketball Tournaments last weekend, and while two of the teams were eliminated with opening round losses, two other teams earned wins and one team won the tournament and earned a berth in the state tournament. The girls all-stars and boys 10 and under all-stars both lost in opening round play, but the boys 12 and under team defeated Troy before being ousted by Enterprise, and the boys 14 and under team claimed three straight wins to win the district title and earn a state tournament berth. The 14 year-old boys had only eight players on their roster and had to play three games of the five games played in their tournament, but somehow managed to save enough energy to defeat Geneva, Troy and Enterprise to claim the tourney title. It marked the first time in ten years that an Elba team has won a district tournament, and the 14 and under team and all the Elba all-stars are to be commended for their outstanding play.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers opened the softball season last week with a big win down in Kinston, and the Lady Tigers' main weapon was freshman pitcher Stephanie Baxley. Baxley tossed a two-hitter with 13 strike-outs in leading Elba to the win, and overcame eight walks and two hit batters to claim the season-opening win on the rubber. The Lady Tigers were also effective at the plate with several big hits, and after only one game it looks like Elba's girls are more than ready to pick up where they left off last season, and make a run at the state tournament.

\*\*\* The state high school basketball tournament was held last week in Birmingham and it wasn't such a good week for area teams as only Calhoun was able to bring home a state championship. The Samson Lady Tigers saw a nine-point fourth quarter lead vanish in an opening round loss to eventual state 2A champ Pisgah, while Abbeville's girls fell in the state 3A finals to Lauderdale County. The state championship tournament has evolved into one of the top high events anywhere in the nation, and is truly the place to be for any high school basketball fan.

\*\*\* The SEC basketball tournament will be held next week at the Super Dome in New Orleans and both Alabama and Auburn need to win the tournament to have any shot at making it to the NCAA tournament. Both teams have faltered down the stretch and have played their way out of the national tournament, but while Auburn probably exceeded its own expectations, the Crimson Tide was picked to win the conference after returning last year's SEC champs almost in tact and being ranked #1 in the nation early in the season. Look for Coach Mark Gottfried to clean house on his staff in an effort to put the blame for the Tide's failure on someone else, and then start next season on the hot seat himself. Cliff Ellis has no concerns at Auburn except to get better, but at Bama the same definitely can't be said.

\*\*\* In closing...while the play on the basketball courts around the area was top notch over the weekend at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District Basketball Tournaments, the lack of sportsmanship in the bleachers left a great deal to be desired. The police had to be called to the Elba High gym on opening night to help control the fans of one team that had lost, while it was reported a fight broke out in the parking lot at Greenville and a fight almost happened in the parking lot at Andalusia. It is great that parents support their children and cheer for them at sporting events. However, at the games last weekend the fans often stole the show from the players, and resulted in the players paying more attention to "Mom and Dad" than their own play on the court. It was become expected and almost acceptable for fans to berate officials at all sporting events, but last weekend it was disheartening to hear fans from one team actually make fun of players from other teams in an effort to harass the youngsters. I only hope some of the players don't learn the true meaning of sportsmanship and fair play from their parents. If they do, sports is on a fast track to an untimely end and the true meaning of sportsmanship in athletics will be dead for future generations of youngsters that just want to compete and have fun. Believe it or not, it could happen!

## Post three straight wins

## Elba All-Stars win district basketball title

The Elba 14 and Under Boys All-Stars swept past three opponents without a loss last weekend to win the championship of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Basketball Tournament.

The All-Stars opened the five-team event with a 60-49 win over Geneva, then defeated Troy 72-37 and Enterprise 46-37 to claim the tournament title.

"We weren't the most talented team in the tournament," said All-Star coach Ricky Mularz, "but I honestly believe we played harder than any team in the tournament and gave it all we had every second of every quarter. On Saturday we played Troy at 12:45 in the semifinals and then had to turn around at 3:15 and play Enterprise in the championship game. All players were tired and a couple got banged up early in the game. However, even though we only dressed out seven players they all did what they had to do and became the first team from Elba to win a basketball championship in A.R.P.A. in ten years. It was just a special happening for a group of kids that practiced hard and carried that spirit into the game."

Following are highlights of the All-Stars' three wins:

ELBA 60  
GENEVA 49

The Elba All-Stars pulled out to an early lead and held off repeated Geneva rallies to claim a 60-49 win, in the opening round of the single-elimination event. Jordan Flowers scored five points in the opening stanza to help Elba pull out to an early 8-2 lead, but Geneva rallied in the second quarter and by the end of the half had cut the Elba lead to 22-21. Jaun Starks took the lead for the Elba offense in

## Elba 12 and under All-Stars place third at district basketball tournament

The Elba 12 and Under Boys All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Basketball Tournament last weekend and posted one win and one loss to place third in the six-team event.

The All-Stars opened the tournament with a 34-30 win over Troy, but then lost in the semifinals as a second half rally fell short in a 51-44 loss to Enterprise.

Following are highlights of both games:

ELBA 34  
TROY 30

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and slowly battled back to claim an exciting 34-30 win

the third quarter as he poured in 14 points and sparked an Elba rally that helped the All-Stars pull ahead 43-34 leading into the fourth quarter. The All-Stars hit only 3 of 10 free-throws in the final stanza, but Jaun Starks and Chase Graham combined for 14 points and helped Elba hold on and claim the exciting 60-49 win.

Jaun Starks scored 23 points, including 22 in the second half, to lead Elba to the win, while Jordan Flowers and Chase Graham both added 17. All scored 24 points to lead Geneva. Elba (60): Flowers 17, Simmons 2, Graham 17, Starks 23, Harbuck 1.

Geneva (49): Parrish 2, Lawton 2, Ali 24, Jensen 8, Barton 2, Bunn 2, Jones 9.

ELBA 72  
TROY 37

The Elba All-Stars pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to defeat Troy 72-37, in semifinal action. Jordan Flowers scored nine points in the opening stanza to help the All-Stars jump out to an early 16-8 lead, while Jaun Starks poured in 10 second quarter points and Chafin Johnson drilled a long three-pointer as Elba went in at the half with a big 34-19 lead. Jordan Flowers scored 12 points in the third quarter as Elba began to pull away and opened up a 58-30 advantage, and the All-Stars cruised in the final stanza to claim the easy 72-37 win.

Jaun Starks scored 28 points and Jordan Flowers added 26 to lead Elba, while Lucas scored 10 points to lead Troy.

Elba (72): Flowers 26, Johnson 6, Simmons 4, Graham 6, Starks 28.

Troy (37): Stringer 5, Allen 1, Duhose 6, Maddox 6, Salter 1.

Hayden 4, Lucas 10, Wingard 5.

ELBA 46  
ENTERPRISE 37

The Elba All-Stars claimed the tournament championship with a hard fought 46-37 win over Enterprise. The All-Stars got off to a slow start and trailed 9-8 after one quarter of play, but began to pick up the pace in the second quarter and led by four points each by Brandon Harbuck and Chase Graham rallied to grab a 23-20 halftime advantage. Jordan Flowers nailed a three-pointer and Elba (46): Flowers 19, Johnson 1, Graham 12, Starks 11, Harbuck 4.

Enterprise (37): Sherrer 6, Warren 2, Jackson 2, Weeks 4, Gilley 8, Hundley 13, Caldwell 2.



WESTBROOK BROTHERS WIN STATE TITLES...The Hooper Academy wrestling team won the A.I.S.A. state championship recently, led by the Westbrook brothers, all of whom also claimed individual state titles. Pictured above are (l-r) Grey, Kyle and Blake Westbrook.

## Westbrook brothers lead Hooper Academy to state title with sweep of individual honors at A.I.S.A. state tournament

It was a "family affair" recently at the Alabama Independent School Association's State Wrestling Tournament as brothers Grey, Kyle and Blake Westbrook, of Hooper Academy, all claimed individual state championships.

Hooper Academy, led by the Westbrook brothers, also claimed the team championship at the meet, which was held at Huntington College, in Montgomery.

Blake, senior, won his first state title by winning the 182-pound weight class, while Grey, a freshman, won a state title in the 114-pound weight class in a final that was voted the day's best match. Kyle, also a senior, won the 121-pound weight class to claim his fifth individual state championship while wrestling at Hooper.

"It is great to go out with Hooper winning the state championship," said Kyle, "but it is even better that both my brothers were able to claim individual state titles. It was the first time all three of us has been able to share such an honor, and I would not trade anything for the experience."

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## SPORTS

## Elba Lady Tigers open season with 15-8 win over Kinston

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the 2003 high school softball season Thursday night with a 15-8 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, in Kinston.

Elba jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead on a bunt single by Lacy Carille and a triple by Devri Kilcrease, and then went on top 2-0 in the top of the first when Kilcrease scored on a Kinston error off the bat of Haley Duncan.

Kinston combined one hit with two walks and an error to grab a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first, only to see the Lady

Tigers rally to pull even in the second when Whitney Lawford reached on an error and later scored on another Kinston defensive mistake.

The Lady Bulldogs regained the lead at 4-3 in the bottom of the second thanks to a triple and a fielder's choice. However, Elba bounced right back in its half of the third and plated four runs to take a 7-4 advantage.

A walk to Greta Robinson and an error on a ball hit by Kristen Barnes sparked the big inning, while the key hit in the frame

was a two-run double by Whitney Lawford.

Elba added two runs in the fourth to up its lead to 9-4, with the big hits being an rbi double by Haley Duncan and an rbi single by Jessica Danford, and then plated three more runs in the fifth to blow the game open by taking a 13-4 lead.

A walk to Samantha Williams and a single by Hannah Martin keyed the fifth inning fireworks, while Greta Robinson added a two-run triple as the Lady Tigers took complete command.

Jessica Danford walked and later scored in the sixth inning, while Devri Kilcrease walked in the seventh and later scored on a Kinston error as the Lady Tigers coasted in with the big 15-8 win.

Lacy Carille and Whitney Lawford both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Devri Kilcrease added one hit and scored two runs. Stephanie Baxley pitched all seven innings to get the win on the rubber and allowed two hits, while striking out 13 batters.

## Elba Lady Tiger JV evens record at 1-1 with 12-11 loss to Kinston

The Elba JV Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 1-1 Thursday afternoon after a 12-11 loss to the Kinston JV Lady Bulldogs, in Kinston.

Kinston combined two hits with one hit batter and three Elba errors to grab a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Lady Tigers refused to quit and scored three runs in both the second and third innings to sneak ahead 6-5.

Consecutive singles by Summer Stricklin, Krystan Parker and Melanie Mularz sparked the second inning rally for Elba, while a double by Stricklin and singles by Mularz and Kendall Stinson helped the Lady Tigers move ahead in the third.

Kinston plated three runs in its half of the third to regain the

lead at 8-6, only to see Elba rally once again and score five runs in the top of the fourth to regain the lead at 11-8. A single by Haley Stinson ignited the fourth inning rally, while Krystan Parker, Toshamba Jones and Kendall Stinson all added singles, and Melanie Mularz delivered a bases clearing triple.

Kinston combined two hits with five Elba errors in the bottom of the fourth to move back on top 12-11, and then held Elba in the top of the fifth to post the wild 12-11 win.

Melanie Mularz got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Summer Stricklin and Krystan Parker both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Kendall Stinson had 2 hits and scored 1 run.

High School Baseball & Softball  
SCHEDULES

## THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- \* BASEBALL \*
- Elba at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:00
- Kinston at Zion Chapel (V) 6:00
- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Pike County at Elba (V) 4:00
- Florala at Kinston (JV-V) 4:30

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- \* BASEBALL \*
- Kinston, in Ariston JV Tournament
- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Elba and Kinston, in Andalusia Tournament

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- \* BASEBALL \*
- Kinston, in Ariston JV Tournament
- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Elba and Kinston, in Andalusia Tournament

## MONDAY, MARCH 10

- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Luverne at Elba (JV) 4:00
- Samson at Kinston (JV - 2) 4:30

## TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- \* BASEBALL \*
- Luverne at Elba (JV-V) 4:30
- Kinston at Brantley (V) 4:00
- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Elba at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:00
- Kinston at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:30

## THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- \* BASEBALL \*
- Elba at Samson (JV-V) 3:30
- Kinston at Zion Chapel (JV) 3:30
- \* SOFTBALL \*
- Daleville at Elba (JV) 4:00
- New Brockton at Kinston (JV-V) 4:30

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## Baseball and softball registration to end Friday for boys and girls ages 4-18 in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has begun registration for youth baseball and youth softball and it will continue through Friday, March 7, 2003. Teams will be chosen in all age divisions during the week of March 10, with the seasons set to begin on Monday, April 7.

"Once again this year both the baseball and softball leagues will be franchised with Dixie," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and the Elba leagues will send six baseball and four softball teams to all-star tournaments at the end of the season. In Dixie Minor (ages 9-10) and Dixie Youth (ages 11-12) Baseball, the teams will compete in the Elba league and will also play teams from Kinston, Samson, New Brockton and Zion Chapel, while in Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), the Elba teams will also compete against New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne and Brantley during the regular season. In Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors (17-18), we will field one team in each age group and it will compete against teams in the area."

"Over nine softball," added Mularz, "we will have teams associated with Dixie Softball for girls ages 9-10 (Dixie Angels), Dixie Ponytails (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles (ages 13-15) and Dixie Debs (ages 16-18). The Angels and Ponytails will compete in the Elba league and also play against teams from New Brockton and Zion Chapel, while in the Belles the teams from Elba will also compete against teams from New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Brantley, Highland Home, Opp and Andalusia. The Debs will have one team and it will play a schedule against teams from all across the area. All the softball leagues made the switch to fast pitch last summer, and will remain in fast pitch this year."

"We will also have baseball and softball leagues for boys and girls ages 4-8," said Mularz, "and for those children we offer tee-ball and coach-pitch. Those are usually our biggest league, and we try to insure the youngsters have fun while learning the basics of the sport."

Registration is \$20 per person for all leagues, with a maximum registration fee of \$50 for a family with more than two children taking part. Anyone living in public housing should check with HUD to see if that organization will pay registration costs.

Following is a brief description of the leagues offered by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation this spring and summer.

## BASEBALL

\*\*\* Tee Ball - Tee ball is offered for boys ages 4-6, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. All players will hit a safety baseball off a tee and all players will play in the field and bat each inning. Coaches are allowed on the field during the game to provide instruction. All games will last three innings, with no time limit.

\*\*\* Coach Pitch - Coach Pitch is offered for boys ages 6-8, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. All players will hit safety baseballs pitched by their teams coach, and all players will play in the field and bat in all innings. Two coaches are allowed on the field to provide instruction. All games will last a minimum of three innings, or be limited to one hour and fifteen minutes.

\*\*\* Dixie Minor - Dixie Minor is offered to boys ages 9-10, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

\*\*\* Dixie Youth - Dixie Youth is offered to boys ages 11-12 with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games will have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

\*\*\* Dixie Boys - Dixie Boys is offered to boys ages 13-14, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie Boys field with nine players on defense and nine players in the batting order. Games will have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

\*\*\* Dixie Pre-Majors - Dixie Pre-Majors is offered to boys ages 15-16, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games will be played on a regulation high school baseball field with nine players on defense and nine players in the batting order. Games will have no time limit and all games will consist of seven innings. The season will begin after the junior varsity season has ended at area high schools.

\*\*\* Dixie Majors - Dixie Majors is offered to boys ages 17-18, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation high school baseball field with nine players on defense and nine players in the batting order. Games will have no time limit and will consist of seven innings. The season will start after the high school baseball season has ended.

## SOFTBALL

\*\*\* Tee Ball - Tee Ball is offered to girls ages 4-6, with a players age being determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Players hit a safety softball off a tee and all players bat and play in the field all innings. Coaches are allowed on the field to provide instruction and all games last three innings, with no time limit.

\*\*\* Coach Pitch - Coach Pitch is offered to girls ages 6-8, with a players age determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Players hit a safety softball pitched by their teams coach, and all players bat and play in the field in all innings. Two coaches are allowed on the field to provide instruction and all games will last a minimum of three innings, or have a one hour and fifteen minute time limit.

\*\*\* Dixie Angels - Dixie Angels is offered to girls ages 9-10, with a players age being determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Pitchers pitch to all players from a distance of 35 feet, and the game is played on a regulation Dixie Angels field. Ten players are allowed on the field on defense, while all players are in the team's batting order. All games will have a one hour and thirty-minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

\*\*\* Dixie Ponytails - Dixie Ponytails is offered to girls ages 11-12, with a players age being determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Pitchers pitch to all batters from a distance of 35 feet, and the game is played on a regulation Dixie Ponytails field. Ten players play on defense and ten players are in the team's batting order. All games will have a one hour and thirty-minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

\*\*\* Dixie Belles - Dixie Belles is offered to girls ages 13-15, with a players age being determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Pitchers pitch to all batters from a distance of 40 feet, and the games are played on regulation high school fields. Nine players are in the field and nine players are in the batting order. All games have a one hour and forty-five minute time limit, or consist of seven innings. The season will begin after the completion of the high school junior varsity season.

\*\*\* Dixie Debs - Dixie Debs is offered to girls ages 16-18, with a players age being determined by their age on or before June 1, 2003. Pitchers pitch to all batters from a distance of 40 feet and all games are played on regulation high school fields. Nine players play on defense and are in the batting order. Games will have a one hour and forty-five minute time limit, or consist of seven innings. The season will begin after the completion of the high school season.



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## Coffee County Commission looking to collect delinquent garbage fees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The county's garbage collection took center stage once again at the regular bimonthly meeting Monday, March 10, of the Coffee County Commission when officials made a decision concerning the future of the collection process.

During the previous meeting of the commission, bids were opened for the county's solid waste collection process, and three companies submitted bids for consideration. There were two options the companies could bid on: Option 1A would let the contracted company pick up the solid waste in Coffee County and also be responsible for the billing process and collection of money from the county residents for the service. Option 2B would let the

contracted company pick up the solid waste with the county paying an agreed upon monthly service fee, and then the county would be responsible for the billing process and collecting its money from the residents. This is the current procedure (method).

The options were looked at because commissioners had become concerned about some nearly 150 delinquent accounts which had accumulated over the past two and a half years.

During the meeting, Industries (MDI) submitted a bid only for Option 2B in the amount of \$52,225 per month. Arrow Disposal Services submitted a bid of \$13.70 for Option 1A and \$66,000 for Option 2B. Barry Moore Industries submitted a bid of

\$14.13 for Option 1A and \$59,076 for Option 2B.

Commissioner Kayo Lewis offered a motion Monday morning with a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook to award the contract to MDI as the low bidder at \$52,225 per month as explained in Option 2B. (MDI holds the current contract for Coffee County's solid waste collection.)

"The problem with this bid and it saving the customers over \$2 per month is that it is costing the county over \$150,000 per year, and I don't think the county can keep sustaining this," Commissioner Doug Dairymple said.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks agreed with Dairymple but said he believes the best thing for Coffee County to do is take over its own garbage pick-up.

"I'm concerned about dwindling tax dollars leaving the county," Brooks said. "We could

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## Elba COC sponsors Legislative Breakfast

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a Legislative Breakfast Friday morning, March 7, with Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer serving as the guest

speakers.

Both Holley and Spicer spoke about items the legislature is currently looking at in session, and two of the hottest topics included the budgeting process

and education funding.

"We have a real difficult budgetary time in our state," Holley said.

With that in mind, he said the state government officials have decided to hold budget hearings.

Spicer said state officials currently are looking at what they are going to do, and he said he appreciates the governor's efforts in taking the time to look at all possible avenues.

As for education funding, Spicer said the people of Alabama helped alleviate the funding crisis when they voted to establish a Rainy Day fund. However, he said the state is still possibly looking at a six percent proration. Locally, he said it could be as much as eight percent.

"The governor has a very unique way of looking at things, and I appreciate the things he has done so far," Spicer said. "He and his staff are new at the game and are going to need time to get a good understanding."

He said the approach that needs to be taken is knowing what the state can spend per student but also realizing the actual cost per student.

Both Holley and Spicer said they look forward to working with Governor Bob Riley and were happy to be able to update local citizens on the happenings in Montgomery.



Miss Elba Shay Johnson, Junior Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford and Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams were among those at Elba First Baptist Church early Friday morning, March 9, for a Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

## Coffee County BOE assesses storm damage

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Storm damage repairs highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Thursday evening, March 6, as board members received an update from Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

The superintendent told board members that a storm which moved through the area Friday evening, Feb. 21, caused building damage at the campuses of Kinston and Zion Chapel, and she said the estimated insurance cost to repair the damage will be approximately \$75,000.

At Kinston, Ingram said the entire high school building will need to be re-roofed with the exception of two small extensions, and the Zion Chapel campus found nearly every building experiencing some type of damage from the storm. She said if the board declares the situation an emergency, the bid period can be shortened to allow repair work to begin sooner.

Therefore, Ingram asked the board members to declare an emergency and give her permission to prepare a bid package to send out. She also asked for permission to go ahead and accept the low bid so materials can be ordered and the work started as soon as possible.

"We've got a two week spring break coming up," Ingram said. "It sure would be nice to get some of the work done while the students are out."

Ingram also reminded board members that the \$75,000 is what the insurance company will pay for damage repairs, and this amount will not cover any additional decking work or rotten wood replacement.

Board member Ruben McKinnon offered a motion to go along with Ingram's recommendation, and with a second from board member Larry Eddins, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Board members voted Thursday evening to award the computer technology bids to Dell, and Ingram informed the



Zion Chapel FFA instructor John McCrory and his son take a ride on the school's BattleBot while students Jared Flowers, Andy Kelley and Josh Richards maneuver it during a demonstration for Coffee County Board of Education members last Thursday evening. McCrory and the three students will travel to California to compete in the Second Annual National BattleBot Competition. They recently won a competition in Opp.

members that New Brockton Elementary School recently had some monitors damaged by lightning. Actually, she said the lightning damage at New Brockton occurred on the same evening in which the other schools experienced building damage from the storm.

Ingram introduced a new hands on training program in which she referred to as aspiring administrators.

With this, she told board members there is only one assistant principal system wide for the Coffee County Schools; however, there are nine teachers within the system certified to be administrators. Therefore, she asked board

members to designate these teachers as principals to allow them to participate in the hands on training program to gain experience for the position.

Ingram said this hands on training will ultimately allow these teachers to step into the role of administrator when the time arises. At this point, she said the program will only be open to those who already are certified as administrators, but eventually, she hopes to open it to other teachers who later become certified.

This program was approved unanimously by the board.

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## Elba Police officers arrest suspect following burglary

Officers with the Elba Police Department found themselves struggling to apprehend a suspect Monday evening, March 10, when they responded to the scene of a burglary and kidnapping.

According to reports, Phillip

Musgrove was arrested and charged with multiple crimes after breaking into an Elba residence and holding a woman at knife point.

Officers said the female victim tried to get away from the suspect, but he managed to drag her

back into the home.

Elba Police officers were notified of the situation and responded to the residence where they had to break down the door to enter.

Once inside, the officers struggled with Musgrove and eventually had to use pepper spray to contain him. He was arrested and placed in a police car for transportation. Musgrove proceeded to kick the door and window of the vehicle and caused approximately \$500 worth of damage to the vehicle.

He was charged with kidnapping, burglary, assault - second degree and resisting arrest. As of press time, Musgrove remained in the Coffee County Jail.

## Area Happenings

NEW SEASON'S STUDY CLUB will sponsor the 2003 Miss Elba pageants Saturday, March 15, 6 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium. An admission will be charged.

A SAVE TEENS PROGRAM will be held at Elba High School Wednesday, March 19, in the auditorium. The program is sponsored by the ABC board and will be offered in two separate sessions - 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. It is a real-life account as a mother tells the story of her child's death due to an overdose. It is open to the public, and all parents and interested parties are invited to attend.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY will meet at the Folks Restaurant, 620 Holl Weevil Circle Wednesday, March 19, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Guest speaker will be Betty Peters, District 2, Alabama State Board of Education. The menu will be grilled white fish, baked potato, salad, and drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrory at 393-0471.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold kindergarten registration Friday, March 21, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Another registration will be held Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, also from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please bring birth certificate, social security card and a blue shot record for each child.

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will hold a book sale April 7-12 during regular operating hours. All donations for the sale will be accepted.

## NEWS BRIEF

After responding to one disturbance Thursday evening, March 6, Elba Police officers found the victim of an apparent stabbing already in the emergency room at the Elba General Hospital. Officers were investigating the domestic disturbance when they found Henry J. James, age 47, at the er with a stab wound in the lower back. His injuries appeared to be sustained from a separate incident rather than the disturbance.



RANDY'S SMALL MOTORS recently relocated to downtown Elba, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed the business to town last Thursday afternoon, March 6, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The business handles all kinds of repairs and sales for small motors. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Sam Cooper, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Jr. Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford, Mary McMillan, Future Little Miss Elba Sarah Bryan, Jerry Kelley, Cammie Kelley, Troy Gideon, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Barry Giles, Cindy Eddins, Randy Eddins - owner and operator, Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Doris Matthews, Jessica Johnston, Ed Sullivan, Miss Elba Shay Johnson and Herby McCall.